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MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, DALLAS COUNTY, ALA.

OCTOBER 8, 9, 10, 1895.

OFFICERS.

J. G. LOWREY . .	*Moderator*	Clanton, Ala.
W. J. RUDDICK . .	*Clerk*	Stanton, Ala.
W. I. MULLINS . .	*Treasurer*	Clanton, Ala.

Next session will be held with Providence Church, six miles east of Clanton, Ala., on Tuesday, October 6, 1896.

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ADDRESSES OF CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT SESSION.

State Missions	S. M. Adams	Randolph, Ala
Home Missions	H. W. Caffey	Verbena, Ala
Foreign Missions	G. W. Parker	Marion, Ala
Bible-schools	W. I. Mullins	Clanton, Ala
Temperance	W. L. Jones	Independence, Ala
Periodicals	J. M. Smoke	Huckabee, Ala
Orphans' Home	W. J. Ruddick	Stanton, Ala
Ministerial Education	W. H. Burns	Plantersville, Ala
Education	J. H. Longcrier	East Lake, Ala

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
2. Introductory Sermon, 11 a.m.
3. Call to order, after dinner.
4. Letters read.
5. Organization.
6. Read rules of Decorum.
7. Ministers not messengers invited to seats.
8. Admission of new Churches.
9. Correspondence received.
10. Appoint Committees to report this session—
    - On Preaching this session.
    - " Letters and Documents.
    - " Aged and Infirm Ministers and Families of Deceased Ministers.
    - " Deceased Ministers.
    - " Nominations.
11. Committees to report next session—
    - On Missions, State, Home and Foreign.
    - " Bible-schools.
    - " Temperance.
    - " Periodicals.
    - " Orphans' Home.
    - " Ministerial Education.
    - " Education.
12. Reports are in order after Organization.
13. Miscellaneous business when called for.

MINUTES.

1. The delegates to the Forty-first annual session of the Unity Baptist Association met with Fellowship Church, Dallas county, Ala., October 8, 1895, at 9:45 a.m.

2. Devotional exercises were conducted by R. H. Long. J. M. McCord, W. J. Ruddick, T. J. Deason, led in prayer, and J. M. McCord, W. J. Ruddick and F. M. Woods made short talks.

3. At 11:00 a.m. J. G. Lowrey preached the introductory sermon from Isaiah lx chap., 1-5 verses. Theme, "The ultimate conquest of the Gospel."

4. Adjourned one hour for dinner.

5. The delegates assembling, the Moderator, J. G. Lowrey, read the 91st Psalm and the Association was led in prayer by S. O. Y. Ray.

6. The Moderator called the body to order and requested J. M. McCord and G. M. Parker to read the letters.

7. Delegates were enrolled as follows:

Alpine—J. F. Johnson, Thos. Johnson, J. T. Jones, Golston Maudlin.
Bethesda—J. M. Smoke, J. H. Bates, W. L. Jones.
Harmony—H. E. Wallace, C. Dickinson.
Bethsalem—J. E. Moore, H. W. Friday.
Mt. Carmel—W. J. Ruddick, G. W. Patrick.
Fellowship—L. J. Perry, J. M. Hooks, A. Miller, C. C. Miller, A. B. Jones, J. W. Dunaway, E. W. Bailey, W. H. Friday, J. R. Hooks.
Mulberry—W. J. Fleming, J. L. Palmer, J. C. Veasy, S. K. Rasberry, O. E. Latham.
Verbena—W. F. Claughton.
Shiloh—W. T. Kemp, J. J. Owen, R. S. Owen, T. J. Billingsley, T. J. Deason, J. W. Billingsley.
Providence—E. H. Parrish, E. Robinson, W. J. Robinson, J. M. Robinson.
Salem—B. F. Higgins, W. A. Calloway, G. G. Calloway.
Randolph—S. M. Adams.
Sardis—J. F. Hayes, Lee Hayes, J. L. Hayes.
Pleasant Grove—J. P. Marchant.
Maple Springs—W. L. Price, E. C. Vernon, R. H. Long.
Chestnut Creek—H. M. Ferguson.
Shady Grove—G. A. Underwood.
Clanton—J. G. Lowrey, W. I. Mullins, P. E. Moore.
Ebenezer—I. G. White, O. L. White, W. J. Parnell, Lee Parnell.
Evergreen—W. W. Caffey, W. M. Parker, J. H. Apperson.
Mt. Zion—Letter.
Corinth—E. L. Manning.
Big Springs—W. J. Wright, A. J. Wright.
Plantersville—G. M. Parker, W. H. Burns, C. A. Lawrence.
Pilgrims Rest—Letter.
Valley Creek—R. J. Mitchell, J. G. Gay, W. W. Gandy, T. G. Milling.
Bozeman—B. F. Donovan.
New Prospect—Letter.

8. The Association voted by ballot for permanent officers; S. O. Y. Ray and F. M. Woods acting as tellers.

9. The tellers announced that J. G. Lowrey was elected Moderator, W. J. Ruddick Clerk, and W. I. Mullins Treasurer.

10. The Moderator requested S. O. Y. Ray to write a report on State Missions.

11. The Moderator, after some remarks thanking the body for its confidence, declared the Association open for business.

12. The reading of the rules of decorum was dispensed with.

13. Two petitions were presented by J. E. White and T. E. Taylor, representing different factions of Enterprise church, which were read by the Clerk.

14. There being some conflict, on motion, a committee was appointed to investigate and report. Committee, S. M. Adams, W. J. Fleming, W. F. Claughton.

15. Correspondents were received as follows:

F. M. Woods.....from Shelby Association.
J. M. McCord.....from Birmingham Association.
J. W. Cabaniss.....from Bethel Association.
R. T. Pryor.....from Cahaba Association.
W. W. Perry.....from Tuscaloosa Association.
S. O. Y. Ray.....from State Board of Missions.

16. The Moderator appointed the following committees to report this session:

Preaching this Session—Pastor and Deacons of Fellowship church.

Letters and Documents—G. M. Parker, R. H. Long, J. M. Smoke.

Aged and Infirm Ministers—R. J. Mitchell, T. J. Deason, W. W. Caffey.

Deceased Ministers—J. G. Gay, Lee Hayes, C. A. Lawrence.

Finance—W. M. Parker, G. A. Underwood, P. M. Moore.

Preaching at Next Session—G. W. Patrick, S. K. Rasberry, H. M. Ferguson.

To Nominate Delegates to S. B. C.—O. L. White, H. E. Wallace, L. J. Perry.

District Meetings—W. H. Burns, A. J. Wright, T. G. Milling.

Apportionment—J. L. Palmer, W. I. Mullins, J. M. Hooks.

17. J. W. Dunaway, chairman of committee to visit Bethsalem church, made his report and the report was adopted.

18. W. J. Ruddick made report on recovering Autaugaville church, and, after some remarks by W. J. Ruddick, J. W. Dunaway and S. O. Y. Ray, the report was adopted.

19. On motion of J. W. Dunaway the following committee was appointed to investigate the extra work on Autaugaville church: J. M. Smoke, H. E. Wallace, W. W. Caffey.

20. On motion adjourned, after prayer by J. M. McCord, until 9:00 a.m. to morrow.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1895.

21. 9:00 a.m. Devotional exercises were conducted by F. M. Woods.

22. W. J. Ruddick made a motion to relieve Finance Committee of the work connected with vouchers for money previously sent up. Motion adopted.

23. J. W. Dunaway made a motion to dispense with the following committees after this session: On Preaching Next Session; To Nominate delegates to S. B. C., and District Meetings; and substitute therefor a Committee on Nominations. Motion was carried.

24. W. J. Ruddick read the report on Education prepared by O. Mullins, and W. L. Jones read the report on Ministerial Education prepared by H. M. Pool. These reports were discussed by J. W. Dunaway, F. M. Woods, J. M. McCord, S. O. Y. Ray and G. M. Parker. Amendments were offered to each of the reports by W. J. Ruddick, which were adopted.

25. Pending the adoption of the reports the following pledges and contributions were made for J. H. Longcrier, our ministerial student:

Alpine $5 00; Big Spring $5.00; Bozeman $10.00; Clanton $5.00: Ebenezer $5.00; Evergreen $5.00; Fellowship $5.00; Harmony $2.00; Maple Springs $2.00; Mt. Carmel $2.50; Mulberry $5.00; Plantersville $2 50; Randolph $5.00; Sardis $2.50; Shiloh $2 00; Valley Creek $5.00; Verbena $5.00; Total $73.50.

Cash—J.W. Dunaway $5.00; J. M. Smoke $1.00; Total $6.00

26. 11 :00 a.m. having been made the special hour for Missions, the reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were read, respectively, by S. O. Y. Ray, J. W. Dunaway and W. J. Ruddick.

27. The Missionary Sermon was then preached by S. O. Y. Ray. Text: Luke xix, 26 verse. After which a collection was taken up for Missions; amount $14.65.

28. Adjourned one hour for dinner after prayer by S. M. Adams.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

29. The Association met promptly and W. J. Fleming led in prayer.

30. The committee to investigate the conflicting letters from Enterprise church made their report through S. M. Adams; after remarks by S. M. Adams and J. E. White the report was adopted. Committee, S. M. Adams, W. J. Ruddick, J. M. Smoke.

31. W. H. Burns made the report on District Meetings and the report was adopted after some remarks by W. J. Ruddick, J. G. Lowrey and G. M. Parker. The report was adopted and the following committee appointed: J. H. Apperson, W. L. Price, T. J. Deason, R. J. Mitchell.

32. After some further discussion of the reports on Education and Ministerial Education by S. O. Y. Ray. S. M. Adams. J. G. Lowrey, F. M. Woods, the reports were adopted as amended.

33. R. J. Mitchell made the report on Aged and Infirm Ministers and the report was concurred in after remarks by R. J. Mitchell and W. J. Ruddick.

34. The subject of Missions was now discussed by S. O. Y.

Ray, J. W. Dunaway, S. M. Adams, G. M. Parker and J. G. Lowrey.

35. The reports were not adopted when the hour for adjournment arrived, and the Association adjourned, after prayer by the Moderator, until 9 a.m. to-morrow.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER, 10, 1895.

36. The Association met at 9:00 a.m. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. M. Smoke.

37. Miscellaneous business being in order the committee appointed to prepare programs for District meeting made their report through W. L. Price, and the report was adopted.

38. The committee to nominate preachers for next session reported by G. W. Patrick, that S. M. Adams preach the Introductory sermon; J. W. Dunaway alternate; W. J. Ruddick to preach the Missionary sermon; J. G. Lowrey alternate.

39. W. M. Parker made the report on Finance and the report was adopted.

40. The committee on Letters and Documents reported through G. M. Parker, and after remarks by W. L. Price and J. W. Dunaway, the report was adopted.

41. A motion to reconsider was carried and the report was further spoken to by G. M. Parker, J. W. Dunaway and E. H. Parrish, E. L. Manning.

42. A motion to strike out "Mulberry" and insert "Providence" was discussed by W. L. Price, J. E. White, J. G. Lowrey, S. M. Adams, and the motion was carried.

43. Thereupon the report on Letters and Documents was adopted as amended.

44. W. J. Ruddick read the report on Apportionment and it was adopted without discussion.

45. On motion of W. I. Mullins the clerk was paid twenty dollars for services and thirty dollars for eight hundred copies of Minutes.

46. Regular order was resumed. The reports on Missions being under consideration R. J. Mitchell and J. W. Dunaway made remarks.

47. Pending the adoption of the report J. W. Dunaway offered the following:

Resolved, That we get up by apportionment a special fund known as the "Destitution Fund of the Unity Association."

This was unanimously carried and the following pledges were made:

CHURCHES—Alpine $2.00; Bethesda $5.00; Corinth $3.00; Bethsalem $2.00; Bozeman $5.00; Chestnut Creek $2.50; Clanton $5.00; Ebenezer $3.00; Evergreen $7.50; Fellowship $5.00; Harmony $2.00; Friendship $2.50; Maple Springs $2.00; Mulberry $2.50; Plantersville $5.00; Providence $2.50; Randolph $5.00; Shady Grove $2.00; Shiloh $3.00; Valley Creek $5.00; Verbena $5.00. Total $76.50.

INDIVIDUALS—S. M. Adams $5.00; G. M. Parker $10.00; J. W. Dunaway $5.00; J. E. Miller 25¢; E. A. Gay 25¢; M. W.

Rush 25¢; Miss M. E. Miller 25¢; Miss Josi Rasberry 50¢. Total $21.50.

Twenty-three dollars and forty cents was contributed in cash.

Total cash and pledges $121.90.

48. S. M. Adams moved that this Association employ a Missionary Colporteur, and the motion was carried.

49. On motion of W. J. Ruddick an executive committee was provided for, who shall have charge of all the work in our bounds, consisting of the Moderator and four others.

Executive Committee—J. G. Lowrey, W. I. Mullins, H. W. Caffey, K. Wells, W. B. Strock.

50. Bro. S. M. Adams made a motion that J. W. Cabaniss be employed as Missionary Colporteur for this Association. The motion was carried after remarks by S. M. Adams, W. J. Ruddick and J. W. Dunaway.

51. The reports on Missions were then adopted.

52. The report on Bible and Colportage was read by W. J. Ruddick. As the work was discussed under the head of Missions the report was adopted.

53. R. J. Mitchell offered the following:

Resolved, That we urge the pastors of churches in this Association to take a collection during the year for Brethren A. G. Patrick and C. C. Billingsley, to be equally divided and disbursed by the executive committee.

The resolution was adopted after some remarks by R. J. Mitchell.

54. The report on Bible Schools was read by the Clerk, spoken to by G. M. Parker and adopted.

55. The Treasurer made his report and it was adopted.

56. On motion, the funds collected as "Destitution Fund" was turned over to the Treasurer.

57. Two reports on Temperance were read by J. E. White and W. J. Ruddick. The subject was discussed by J. E. White, J. W. Dunaway, S. M. Adams, G. M. Parker, E. L. Manning, and on motion the Clerk was ordered to glean the two reports and make a report therefrom.

58. J. W. Dunaway offered the following:

Resolved, That the Unity Baptist Association withdraw fellowship from any church of said Association, that retains in its membership any member who makes or sells intoxicating drinks.

And the resolution was adopted.

59. W. I. Mullins offered the following resolution of thanks, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the members of Fellowship church and friends in the entire community for their kind, hospitable care of us during our stay among them.

60. The report on Family Training was ordered printed.

61. The report on Orphan's Home was read and adopted without discussion.

62. The committee to nominate delegates to S. B. C. re-

ported that G. M. Parker be the delegate and J. W. Dunaway alternate. And the report was concurred in.

63. The report on Periodicals was read by W. H. Burns and it was adopted without discussion.

64. The following brethren were named as delegates to the Alabama State Convention: S. M. Adams, J. R. Hooks, R. H. Long, R. J. Mitchell, J. G. Lowrey, W. J. Ruddick.

65. The Moderator appointed the following standing committees:

State Missions—S. M. Adams, T. G. Milling, W. J. Fleming.

Home Missions—H. W. Caffey, W. F. Claughton, W. L. Price.

Foreign Missions—G. M. Parker, G. W. Patrick, H. E. Wallace.

Bible Schools—W. I. Mullins, P. C. Dennis, A. J. Wright.

Temperance—W. L. Jones, J. M. Hooks, W. W. Caffey.

Periodicals—J. M. Smoke, T. J. Deason, G. A. Underwood.

Orphan's Home—W. J. Ruddick, O. E. Latham, J. F. Johnson.

Ministerial Education—W. H. Burns, W. J. Parnell, J. C. Veazey.

Education—J. H. Longcrier, E. H. Parrish, J. H. Bates.

66. W. J. Ruddick offered the following and it was adopted:

Resolved, That the report on Bible and Colportage work be hereafter incorporated with that of State Missions, and that the committee on Family Training be discontinued.

67. The Moderator was added to the Enterprise committee.

68. After some remarks by the Moderator a motion to adjourn was carried. After singing "God be with you till we meet again" and prayer, led by F. M. Woods, the Association adjourned to meet with Providence church, six miles east of Clanton, Chilton County, Ala., on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1896.

J. G. Lowrey, *Moderator.*

W. J. Ruddick, *Clerk.*

REPORTS.

REPORT ON AUTAUGAVILLE CHURCH.

Your Committee appointed to raise money and recover Autaugaville church beg leave to report that they have had one side recovered, and the brother who recovered it reports that he has done more work than he contracted for and that he received pay for. 8000 shingles were used for which he received $28; $21,50 were contributed by Autaugaville church and friends, $6,50 by this Association, $10,00 more is claimed by the contractor.

Respectfully W. J. Ruddick.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BETHSALEM.

Your Committee appointed to meet with Bethsalem church, did so, and was received in that spirit of brotherly love that impressed the Committee that they were the people of God, and of *us*. We have never met with a Church that was to be conferred with that was so ready to receive counsel. The church promised to meet with us in the next Association.

J. W. Dunaway.
W. D. Sartor.
O. Mullins.

STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions are the fountain of all other missions and are to the Foreign and Home Mission Boards the only source of supply. Success in mission work in the State means success in all missions. If State Missions fail, the source of supply is weakened, and all efforts in Foreign and Home Missions are paralyzed. This being true it is of the utmost importance that State Missions seek to enlist every church in the State in giving the gospel to the world; supplies the destitute with the gospel, scatters broadcast over the land religious literature, such as books, tracts, religious newspapers, etc.; foster our colleges and assist in the education of our young men and women. This part of our work is worthy of the support of every church in the State. There have been three evangelists engaged for part of their time during the past three years, whose mission has been to visit the churches and destitute places enlisting and instructing the people on the great doctrines of grace, missions to all lands, temperance, education, etc. In addition to this about 40 missionaries have labored for a part of their time in the employment of the Board. The contributions from the churches have been as good as in any year in the past. We would conclude this report by commending the work of this Board to the hearty support of our churches as worthy of their prayers, influence and support.

Respectfully submitted, S. O. Y. Ray.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHAN'S HOME.

In the Baptist Orphanage, lately established at Evergreen, Ala., we have an institution that strongly appeals to the moral and material support of every Baptist in the State. Designed as it is to take within its sheltering folds, during the tenderest years of life, those whom death has deprived of father and mother, and thrown upon the "cold charity of the world," it is well calculated to arouse the warm sympathy of Christian hearts, and constrain them to active measures to help these little ones whose earthly lot is so sad and lonely. The children who become inmates of this orphanage are surrounded with the influences of a real home, and everything that love and most thoughtful care can suggest is brought into requisition to train them up for useful men and women, prepared to enter the arena of life properly equipped for its responsibilities and duties. Not only is the education of their hearts and minds sedulously attended to, but they are trained in habits of industry and thrift, so that when they get into the world they will be prepared to fight life's battles successfully. The present number of incumbents is thirty-six. The boys are required to do farm work, and the girls instructed in various kinds of domestic and household employments. The older children go to an excellent school in town and the younger ones are taught within the home. They also have church and Sunday-school privileges of superior character, and Sabbath afternoons have Scripture recitations interspersed with sacred songs. Seven of the children have been converted and baptised, and they have a prayer meeting of their own, conducted among themselves. The property belonging to this institution vests in the Alabama State Convention, and consists of eighty acres of land, lying in the outskirts of Evergreen, upon which there is a substantial brick, ten room house with outbuildings. There is an indebtedness of something over two thousand dollars yet to be met in order to place this property unincumbered in the hands of our people, and as its value far exceeds the amount named and involves a cause in every way worthy of our support, we should make earnest efforts to give it that assistance that will free it of that embarrassment, and promote the objects had in view in its establishment. To this end your committee would recommend that the churches of this Association make regular contributions towards its maintenance, and that during the month of December next a special collection be made to assist in paying off the above debt. All of which is respectfully submmitted.

H. W. Caffey, *Chairman.*

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

All mission work is one. The spirit of Foreign Missions is the ground work of Home and State Mission work.

The ruling impulse of every regenerate soul should be to honor the CHRIST who has saved him. "Them that honor me I will honor, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed." We honor CHRIST by obedience. His last will and testament was "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every crea-

ture," and the promise to the obedient is "Lo, I am with you always even to the end of the earth."

"Be our professions what they may,
We are servants to those whom we obey."

With $900,000,000 for whiskey and $5,000,000 for missions yearly expended, to whom do the great majority of our great commonwealth render obedience? Let us be doers of the Word and not hearers only. Let us be *Missionary* Baptists and not professors only. Many have asked the question, "Can't the heathen be saved without the gospel"? This question arises from selfishness largely, and to such the question of great importance is pertenent, "Can we be saved without giving them the gospel." The proof of faith is works. By doing the works of Him who has called us into His kingdom, we honor GOD and grow in grace and knowledge. Once the prayer was that the doors of heathen lands might be opened. Then this prayer answered, we prayed for men. The doors are open. Good, consecrated men are offering themselves, saying "Here am I, send me." And now we are praying for the money to send forth the laborers into the vineyard. We are rejoiced at the progress we have made in our work. In the Papal fields—Italy, Mexico and Brazil—there has been during the year 377 baptised, making a total membership of 1073. In pagan fields—Africa, Japan and China—191 have been baptised and the present membership is 1,410.

During the past year over $130,000 have been contributed for missions. The Sunbeam Societies have contributed $2,549,23. The Ladies' Missionary Societies have contributed $24,933.64. We rejoice in the work done by these organizations and welcome the advent of the Young People's Union, which will result in the better education of the young people along mission lines and consequently in their greatly increased contributions to this great work. We would recommend the reading of our Mission Journals, the organization of Ladies' and Children's Missionary Societies and, above all, earnest prayer for the spirit which brought our first great Foreign Missionary from heaven to earth that He might light every man that cometh into the world. The spirit of Him who when He went to leave the world said, "Ye are the light of the world." Respectfully submitted,

J. H. LONGCRIER, *for Committee.*

HOME MISSIONS

The territory of the Home Mission Board is found in Cuba, the Indian Territory and the Southern States. The work of the Board is to build churches and sustain mission workers in her territory. The Home Board employed 425 missionaries this year, an increase of 44 over last year and more than in any year of the Board's history. Baptised 5,921, an increase of 1,451 over last year, and 572 more than has been in any year since the organization of the convention. Received in cash $88,640.20, being $15,-319.29 larger than last year.

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has five Baptist churches established; last year 119 people were

baptised, total membership 2,689; they have 7 Sabbath-schools with 1,000 children in attendance. While we have accomplished so much let us for a moment consider the great

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of the 22,000,000 of people in the South. Not over 6,000,000 are members of evangelical churches. St. Louis, the largest city in the South, has 600,000 people and 14 Baptist churches. One Baptist church to every 40 thousand people. New Orleans with 260,000 people and three Baptist churches, one Baptist church to every 85,000 people. The State of Maryland has over 1,000,000 of people and only 53 white Baptist churches. The District of Columbia has 250,000 people and 12 white Baptist churches. Texas has 246 counties and 72 of these counties have not a Baptist preacher nor a church. There are great blocks of territory in Texas as large as Alabama that has not a half-dozen Baptist preachers in it. Texas has 100,000 Germans, and only 12 preachers to preach to them; one preacher to 8,333⅓ people. Also 100,000 Mexicans and only 12 preachers, and there are other nationalities that have no preacher at all. Brethren, with these facts it seems there is enough to crush the hearts of the faithful few as they undertake the work of evangelization But let us take courage by considering that GOD is our Father, and we are co-workers with Him, and that we have one of the grandest fields on earth, and the greatest amount of rich things to utilize. In the Southern States we could select a territory 600 miles in length, and 200 in breadth, that has a variety of valuable resources not surpassed by any equal area within the bounds of civilization. This territory has every mineral and metal known to civilized man. Divide this territory into two parts and either part has more coal, more iron, greater water power and a soil more productive than England. It has been estimated that Texas could have raised the world's supply of cotton, 12,000,000 bales, and had left for stock a territory as large as the State of New York. As GOD has cast our lot in the midst of such facilities, ought we not to use them for His glory. J. W. DUNAWAY.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee beg to report: There is no enterprise fostered by our denomination that is of more importance than the education of the ministers of the gospel. A preacher is one whose duty is to proclaim the gospel of Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation, and to enlighten the world as to their obligation to God. And not only to preach, but to teach the church to observe all things whatsoever the Saviour has commanded. Therefore he is a leader among God's people, and the success of the kingdom of Christ depends largely upon him. Then how essential it is that he be thoroughly equipped for the great work whereunto God has called him. By the proper cultivation and thorough training of the mind, he can, by sound reasoning, put to silence the gainsayers. We think the education of ministers is in accord with the teachings of the Bible. The Old Testament speaks of a school for the prophets, and Paul

said to Timothy, "study to show yourself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." It is a sad pity that professing Christians are not more thoroughly aroused on this grand subject, and contribute more liberally for this cause. Only $1,936.81 has been contributed in the State for the year ending June 30, 1895. Our Association gave last year the astonishing amount of $76.35, about three-fourths of a cent per member. Brethren, we ought to be ashamed of ourselves, we can and should do better than this. We have adopted Brother J. H. Longcrier as our beneficiary and we are not supporting him. We could support him and help others. We have the place to educate young men and we have the young men to educate; what we need is the money to defray the expenses. Howard College, at East Lake, is one of the finest institutions of learning in the State, and it is ours, it belongs to the Baptists. Ministers get their tuition free. Your committee would suggest to young preachers that when they finish their course in college they clothe themselves with humility and partake largely of the spirit of Christ; go out in the country, preach to the destitute, build up the waste places, willing to make sacrifices, enduring hardships as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. If they will do so the raising of money for ministerial education will not be such a task.

Respectfully submitted, H. M. Poole, *Chairman.*

AMENDMENT TO REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

That we heartily recommend the work of Rev. G. S. Anderson in his effort to train our ministry while on the field, through his correspondence course, in sermon building, and the ministers' institutes, one of which will be held at Clanton during the summer of 1896. The Southern Baptist Theological is also heartily recommended to the brethren who can take advantage of its course and commend it to the prayers and benevolence of God's people.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

There are many advantages that an educated person has over one who has none. The educated persons are the leaders in all our undertakings, hence education prepares us for usefulness, and to discharge the most important duties of life. Our moral education should not be overlooked. This is the work of the family. Shall our State do more for our children, and take a deeper interest in their preparation for usefulness than the family or the church? Baptists have always been friendly to education. We should be willing to devote all the time and money that we can spare to the education of our children in literature, thus fitting them for usefulness in this life and giving them the means of being a blessing to others. We heartily recommend our Institutions of learning. The Howard at East Lake for our young preachers and young men, and the Judson at Marion, Ala., for our girls. These schools stand in the fronk rank of Southern colleges.

Respectfully,

Oliver Mullins.

REPORT ON FAMILY TRAINING.

The participle "training" comes from the verb "train" and signifies to teach, to instruct, to educate. Nature has endowed all intelligent minds with more or less capacity, and by the use of this great gift to men God designs to be honored, and through this medium men and women are constantly impelling their children either for weal or woe. The Lord gives us children as a token of His love and we are responsible for the character of their training, and children receive their most lasting impressions from their parents and especially if the parents are professed Christians. Therefore it behooves us to inculcate right principles in the children's minds and try to rase them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, being taught by the word of inspiration that if we train them in the way they should go when they are old they will not depart from it. And one of the old sages made use of a truism when he said: "'Tis education forms the common mind. Just as the twig is bent the tree 's inclined." And the most impressive lesson that children receive is from the every day life of parents. It is indelible. We ought, therefore, to be consistent in dealing with men, and punctual to all our family engagements, true in all of our domestic relations, given to much Bible reading, regular in the habit of family devotion and, above all, seek the Lord in secret, and He has promised to reward us openly. And we insist that the Sunday-school is a grand auxiliary to family training.

Respectfully submitted,

HARDY JONES, *for Committee.*

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee beg leave to report: That not more than one-third of the Baptists of the Unity Association read religious periodicals. As a consequence two-thirds of them pay but little of their substance into the treasury of the Lord, which causes embarassment to all of our enterprises, deprives many Christians of the blessings that come to a cheerful giver, makes room in their homes for trashy literature, which afterwards results in the ruin of many of their children. That we have in the *Alabama Baptist* a periodical sufficient to keep us posted as to the work of Baptists in all of the world, and that it is a noticeable fact that individuals and families who are not under the influence of it, or some other of our denominational periodicals, are spirituals dwarfs, anti-missionaries, and are like iceburgs in the church. Furthermore, we find that many of our pastors allow their flocks to feast on foreign food, forgetting the injunction of our blessed Lord: "Feed my sheep."

Respectfully submitted, W. H. BURNS, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

This work, which is now performed by our State Board of Missions, has for its object the dissemination of God's Word and the improvement of our churches by reaching the individual members with good religious books that are calculated to teach their duties to their churches, their pastors and the world. This work, in practice, is done by Godly men, who, with their books, enter

the homes and come face to face with our members and their children, reading God's Word, praying with the families, finding out if God's Word is in the home, and if it is found destitute sell, if possible, and if they are unable to buy, to give a copy; thus reaching those who know not the Word and leaving behind them a blessing. God said through His prophets ages ago: "My people are perishing for lack of knowledge." Is not this true to-day as it was years ago? How many homes are possessed of God's Word? How many have books that teach the truth and are uplifting in their influence, that are strengthening for those who are weak in faith and doctrine? This is work that our colporteurs are doing. Your committee would be glad to see a colporteur in the bounds of our Association to do this work; how helpful he would be to our weak churches, our pastors and our families Let us strive to do as recommended by our committee at last session: "That we raise $50 or $100 as a colportage fund to be known as the A. Andrews memorial fund and that the amount be apportioned among the churches of the Association."

Respectfully submitted, W. J. RUDDICK.

REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

It is the opinion of your Committee that our churches are not sufficiently alive to the importance of Sunday-school work, from the fact that not nearly all of our churches keep up schools. Nor do we think that we appreciate as we should the importance of Bible study in our Sunday-school work. While we would not disparage the utility of the International helps, we think that they ought to be used *only* as helps in the study of the Bible. The Bible itself ought to be the "Text Book." Of course, in these schools, care should be taken to impress upon the mind of every one the fact that the Bible is GOD'S Book, His revelation to us, and that it is not only of, but possessed of Divine authority. The objective point to be reached in this work in the conversion and salvation of the souls of the people; hence, the importance of having only such persons engaged in the work as Superintendents and teachers as are themselves Christians. Not only so, but they should be the most pious, devoted and consecrated ones among us. Further, inasmuch as these schools of our churches, their officers and teachers, should always be Baptists who are capable of expounding to the young and uninstructed the doctrines of the Bible, and hence of our churches. We recommend the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention as sound and should be used in our schools.

E. L. THORNTON, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Holy Bible, the book of truth, and should be our waybill through life, which is the only book that gives the law of God, speaks in loudest tones against intemperance. In Proverbs, 20th chapter and 1st verse, we are taught that wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. In Gallatians, 5th chapter and 23rd verse, we are

taught that temperance is a fruit of the Spirit and against such there is no law. And in Ephesians, 5th chapter and 18th verse, we are exhorted not to be drunk of wine wherein is excess, but to be filled with the Spirit. In Titus, 1st chapter and 8th verse, we are taught that the Bishop must be sober and temperate; and in the 2nd chapter and 2nd verse of Titus we read that the aged men should be sober and temperate. And in 2 Peter, 1st chapter 6th verse, under our several duties we should add to our knowledge temperance. It is a lamentable fact, notwithstanding the plain teaching of God's Word, that many who should be shining lights to the world are slaves for Satan and are leading souls to destruction. There is no evil in our land that demands our attention more than the evil of intemperance. We insist that our preachers preach on this subject often, show this evil in its daring nature. And we urge upon our lay members to take zealous positions in their communities against this great curse, which is being utilized by Satan to build up his kingdom and damning many precious souls who could be, if proper steps were taken, brought into Christ's kingdom and made useful workers in His vineyard, and their souls saved from everlasting destruction. Statistics show that $1,000,000,000 and upwards are spent annually on account of this evil. This, used to send the gospel, would add much to the Christianization of the world. Many children are neglected for the curse of rum and live in darkness as regards the truth; mothers are awake at night in dread and praying for the absent ones whom they fear are drinking in the cup of death. This is an evil which grows upon its victims. Husbands who were once pleasant in their families are reckless when under the influence of spirits. Our prisons are being filled by drunkards. Legislation seems to fail when we try to subdue this monster. We pray that by the power of God this great evil may be driven from among us and that our church members may rise in their strength and banish this evil from their homes, and help to elect sober, temperate men to office. Many pray one way and vote another. Let us vote as we pray. Shall we pray to be sober, God fearing people and that our lawmakers shall be the same and then vote contrary thereto? It ought not so to be. Brethren, let us arise and do our duty. Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Ruddick, *Clerk.*

REPORT ON INDIGENT MINISTERS.

We your Committee on aged and infirm ministers beg leave to report that we find that Bro. A. G. Patrick, a licentiate in this Association, eighty-seven years old, is now blind and deaf, that he has been in the service sixty years and a delegate to this Association fifteen years. We also find Bro. C. C. Billingsley is very aged and is in needy circumstances. Both of whom we recommend to your body as objects of charity.

Respectfully submitted, R. J. Mitchell, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON ENTERPRISE CHURCH.

To the Unity Association, We, the Committe appointed by your body, beg leave to make this our report. After an investi-

gation in reference to the two letters sent up to this Association from Enterprise Church, find on investigation that the organization and constitution of said church, was to some extent irregular, from the fact that they agreed in their constitution that what ever number of members present, at any time, whether at a called or regular conference, should constitute Enterprise church. Therefore your Committee would recommend the appointment of two or three ministering brethren to visit the church as an advisory council. It is not, in the judgment of your Committee, best for the cause of CHRIST, for this Association to receive the delegates of either faction of said Enterprise church in her present condition. Respectfully submitted,

S. M. ADAMS, *Ch'm.*
W. I. FLEMING,
W. F. CLAUGHTON,
} *Committee.*

REPORT ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee find nearly all the churches report a good spiritual condition prevailing among them. From the letters it is manifest that during the year there has been improvement both in spiritual progress and work. There was some increase in the contributions to the enterprises fostered by our churches. The majority of the churches report good revival meetings. Most of them have Sunday-schools, some continuing during the summer months. We recommend that the next meeting of the Association be held with Providence Church.

Respectfully submitted, G. M. PARKER, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON DISTRICT MEETINGS,

Your Committee beg leave to report that District meetings have been held in three districts of our Association. Good results have been reported accruing from them, and we hereby urge all churches to which said meetings are assigned to give special attention to these meetings, as these meetings tend to unite the churches and brethren, and bring spiritual blessings upon us. We suggest that a Committee be appointed, of one from each district, to arrange program and suggest time and place of such meetings for next year. Respectfully submitted,

W. H. BURNS, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

We your Committee on Deceased Ministers beg leave to report that GOD has graciously spared the lives of all our ministers during the past Associational year.

Respectfully submitted, J. G. GAY, *Chairman.*

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Adams, S. M.	Randolph, Ala.	Long, R. H.	Coopers, Ala.
Billingsley, C. C.	Billingsley, "	Longerier J. H.	East Lake, "
Deason, T. J.	Kincheon, "	Lawrence, T. N.	Maplesville, "
Elam, T. J.	Randolph, "	Ruddick, W. J.	Stanton, "
Jones, H.	Verbena "	Lowrey, J. G.	Clanton, "
Long, J. L.	Bozeman, "	Smoke, J. M.	Huckabee, "

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Your Committee on Finance report as follows:

Cash for Minutes and Associational purposes	$53.45
" " State Missions	35.92
" " Home "	8.50
" " Foreign "	19.25
" " Ministerial Education	10 00
" " Orphans' Home	11.58
Collected after sermon for Missions	14.65—$153 35

This amount has been turned over to the Treasurer.

W. M. PARKER, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

We your Committee beg leave to report: We recommend that the churches try to raise the amounts asked for during the next associational year, for Missions:

Shady Grove	$15.00	Bozeman	50.00
Bethel	2.50	Shiloh	8.00
Harmony	8.00	Verbena	35.00
Evergreen	18.00	Chestnut Creek	15.00
Bethsalem	3.00	Providence	15.00
Friendship	5.00	Mt. Zion	15.00
New Prospect	5.00	Mulberry	25.00
Corinth	3.00	Randolph	15.00
Clanton	25.00	Mt. Carmel	8.00
Pilgrim's Rest	3.00	Fellowship	30.00
Valley Creek	20.00	Sardis	3.00
Ebenezer	40.00	Alpine	6.00
Chestnut Hill	1.50	Maple Springs	3.00
Plantersville	15.00		
Big Springs	10.00	Total	$402.00

Respectfully submitted, J. L. PALMER, *Chairman.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. I. Mullins in acc't with Unity Association.

Oct. 11, 1895. DR.

To balance on hand last report, 1894	$ 77.76	
" cash from Finance Committee this session	153.35	
" " for Colportage work	23.40	—$254.51

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By W. B. Crumpton's receipt, 1894	$ 77.76	
" W. J. Ruddick services	20.00	
" W. J. Ruddick Minutes	30.00	—$127.76

Leaving balance on hand for Minutes and Colportage $126.75

W. I. MULLINS, *Treasurer.*

Districts of the Association.

FIRST—Autaugaville. Bethesda, Big Spring, Bethel, Evergreen, Harmony, Shady Grove.

SECOND—Bethsalem, Bozeman, Chestnut Creek, Friendship, New Prospect, Shiloh, Verbena, Corinth.

THIRD—Clanton, Mt. Zion, Salem, Providence, Maple Springs, Mulberry.

FOURTH—Alpine, Chestnut Hill, Ebenezer, Mt. Carmel, Pleasant Grove, Fellowship, Plantersville, Randolph, Sardis, Valley Creek, Pilgrim's Rest.

Programs for District Meetings.

For First District—To meet with Bethel church, Autauga county, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1896:

Friday—11:00 a.m. Sermon, by W. J. Ruddick.

2:00 p.m. How can we enlist all our churches in our denominational work? John Hewitt.

Saturday—9:00 a.m. Devotional Exercises, J. H. Griffis.

9:30 a.m. Importance of enforcing discipline in our churches, W. L. Price.

11:00 a.m. Sermon, J. H. Longcrier.

2:00 p.m. Missions, State, Home and Foreign, T. J. Deason.

Sunday—9:00 a.m. Sunday-school mass meeting, conducted by W. L. Jones.

11:00 a.m. Missionary sermon, J. W. Dunaway.

For Second District—To meet with Corinth church, Chilton county, Friday before the first Sunday in July, 1896:

Friday—11:00 a.m. Sermon, J. L. Long.

2:00 p.m. How can we promote spiritual growth in our churches? J. R. Caldwell.

Saturday—9:00 a.m. Devotional Exercises, 30 minutes, R. D. May.

9:30 a.m. The importance of Sunday-school work, H. W. Caffey.

11:00 a.m. Sermon, J. W. Cabaniss.

2:00 p.m. Missions; State, Home and Foreign, J. G. Lowrey.

Sunday—9:00 a.m. Sunday-school mass meeting, conducted by T. L. Jones.

11:00 a.m. Missionary sermon, F. M. Woods.

For Third District—To convene with Maple Springs church on Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1896:

Friday—11:00 a.m. Sermon, F. M. Woods; alternate, J. M. Smoke.

1st Subject, Family religion, J. L. Long.

2nd Subject, Qualifications and duties of deacons, Hardy Jones.

Saturday—9:00 a.m. Devotional exercises, 30 minutes, conducted by E. C. Vernon.

11:00 a.m. Sermon, J. W. Cabaniss.

2:00 p.m. Missions; State, Home and Foreign, J. G. Lowrey.

Sunday—9:00 a.m. Sunday-school mass meeting, conducted by W. I. Mullins.

11:00 a.m. Missionary sermon, J. W. Dunaway.

For Fourth District—To meet with Pilgrim's Rest on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1896:

Friday—11:00 a.m. Sermon, J. W. Cabaniss.

2:00 p.m. The duty of Baptists to teach their distinctive principles, W. J. Ruddick.

Saturday—9:00 a.m. Devotional exercises, 30 minutes, conducted by G. W. Patrick.

9:30 a.m. Bible and Colportage work, J. M. Smoke.

11 :00 a.m. Sermon, S. M. Adams.

2 :00 p.m. Missions; State, Home and Foreign, R. H. Long.

Sunday—9 :00 a.m. Sunday-school mass meeting, conducted by W. H. Burns.

11 :00 a.m. Sermon on missions, J. W. Cabaniss.

We recommend that delegates be sent by the churches to these District Meetings with a letter, and they are urgently requested to attend.

J. H. Apperson,
W. L. Price,
T. J. Deason,
R. J. Michel. } *Committee.*

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; these three are one—1 Corinthians 8 :6; Deuteronomy 6 :4; Matthew 28 :19; 2 Corinthians 13 :14; 1 John 5 :7.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only correct rule of faith and practice—2 Peter 1 :21; 2 Timothy 3 :16.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth—1 Peter 1 :25; Ephesians 1 :4; 2 Thessalonians 2 :13.

4. We believe in the doctrine of orignal sin—Romans 3 :23; 5 :12; 3 :10.

5. We believe in man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature—Romans 5 :6; John 6 :44; Ephesians 2 :1-5; Philippians 2 :13.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ—Romans 5 :1; Galatians 2 :16-20.

7. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away—2 Corinthians 12 :9; Colossians 3 :4; Romans 8 :38, 39.

8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the church of Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects, and that immersion only is Baptism—Matthew 3 :5, 6, 13, 16; Acts 2 ;37, 38; Acts 8 :38, 39.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment—Acts 17 ;31; John 5 :28, 39.

10. We believe that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting—Matthew 25 :46.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances except those who are called of God and have been regularly baptized, approved by the church and come under the imposition of hands by a Presbytery—1 Timothy 4:14; Acts 26:16.

12. We believe that none but regularly baptized believers have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper—Acts 2 :42-44; 2 Corinthians 6 :14; 1 Corinthians 11 :23-29.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as "THE UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION," and shall be composed of delegates from such churches as constitute, or may hereafter unite with this body.

ART. 2. The design of its labors shall be to promote the cause of Christ and to encourage those objects supported by Baptists generally.

ART. 3. This Association shall hold its sessions annually, at such a time and place as it may appoint.

ART. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer—to be elected at each session—who shall perform all the duties appertaining to such offices in similar bodies; and in case of the absence of any officer, one *pro tem* shall be appointed by the Association until an election is declared.

ART. 5. A record of the proceedings of this Association shall be kept by the Clerk, and, as soon as practicable after the close of each session, he shall superintend the printing of the minutes thereof, and shall furnish each church with a suitable number of copies.

ART. 6. Any church subscribing to our Abstract of Faith may be admitted into this Association by consent of the members in session.

ART. 7. Any church orthodox in faith and practice, which has complied with this Constitution, may withdraw from this body by the consent of a majority of the members in session.

ART. 8. This Association, in regular session, may dissolve its connection with any church which may differ with it in doctrine and practice.

ART. 9. Any church of this Association, with thirty members or less, shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional twenty-five members or fractional part thereof.

ART. 10. It shall be the duty of each church to forward a written communication to every session, specifying the names of its delegates and the state of the church.

ART. 11. If a difficulty should arise in a church, which cannot be settled thereby, the church shall call aid from two or more sister churches; if the matter cannot then be adjusted, it shall be referred to the Association for advice.

ART. 12. All queries must be acted upon by the churches in which they may originate, and when they fail to be disposed of therein, must be reported, by letter, to the Association; the decision thereof shall be considered as an advisory answer.

ART. 13. This Association shall have a fund supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all moneys thus contributed shall be transmitted and paid over to the Finance Committee, and said committee to pay over to the Treasurer.

ART 14. Any article of this Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present at any regular session.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The officers of the Association shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call to order at any time.

4. Any member not satisfied with this decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but at no other time.

5. But one member shall speak at a time, and he shall rise, and obtaining permission, proceed; such permission being signified by the Moderator naming the person, or otherwise.

6. No person shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject; and every motion, made and seconded, in order shall come under the consideration of the Association, and be decided, unless withdrawn by him who made it.

7. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is offered.

8. When a question has been introduced, and sufficient time allowed for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association upon the subject; those in the affirmative shall make it known by saying aye, and those in the negative, nay. If a division on the question is called for, the decision shall be made by the members rising to their feet.

9. The appellation "brother" shall be used in the Association when one brother addresses another, but this article shall not be so construed as to ignore the Moderator.

10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

11. The names of the delegates shall be called as often as the Association shall direct.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat; but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided. He may also appoint committees necessary for transacting any business that may, from time to time, come before the Association.

13. Any members violating these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator, but only on the day such violation occurs.

14. These rules shall be read at the opening of every session of the Association, and may be altered or amended whenever a majority of the membership present shall deem it necessary.

STATISTICS OF UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1895.

CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership last Reported	Increase				Decr'se			Present Membership	SUNDAY SCHOOL		SUPERINTENDENT'S NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS	Preaching Sabbaths	Prayer Meetings	Reports Revival
						Baptism	Letter	Voucher	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death		Officers and Teachers	Pupils				
Alpine	Chilton	A. M. Perry	J. C. Walker	Stanton	72	8	9	..	..	..	..	3	86	..	..		3	..	1
Antaugaville*	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..		..	..	..
Bethel*	..	..	..	..	41	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41	..	..		..	..	..
Bethesda	Autauga	J. M. Smoke	W. L. Jones	Independence	99	2	..	..	..	5	1	..	100	4	35	W. L. Jones, Independence	4	..	..
Big Springs	Autauga	J. M. Smoke	W. W. Carter	Billingsley	92	12	3	3	..	..	..	1	108	4	30	W. W. Carter, Billingsley	2	..	1
Bethsalem	Chilton	John Hewitt	J. R. Vinson	Kincheon	58	5	..	..	2	..	..	..	69	..	..		4	..	..
Bozeman	Autauga	J. M. McCord	J. L. Levens	Bozeman	94	11	..	..	..	3	3	1	105	14	125	H. Evans, Bozeman	1&3	1	1
Chestnut Creek	Chilton	J. L. Long	J. W. Dennis	Bozeman	91	12	6	1	3	7	..	..	106	5	30	P. C. Dennis, Coopers	3	..	1
Chestnut Hill*	..	..	..	..	53	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	53	..	..		..	..	..
Clanton	Chilton	J. G. Lowrey	W. I. Mullins	Clanton	78	1	12	2	..	7	..	2	84	6	83	W. I. Mullins, Clanton	3	1	..
Corinth	Chilton	T. E. Taylor	W. B. Jones	Verbena	45	7	..	..	..	3	..	..	51	4	30	W. D. Goss, Verbena	..	..	1
Ebenezer	Chilton	G. M. Parker	I. G. White	Stanton	91	6	12	..	..	8	..	3	91	5	40	O. L. White, Stanton	1	..	..
Evergreen	Autauga	G. M. Parker	J. H. Apperson	Huckabee	87	5	3	..	..	9	..	1	87	4	60	R. J. Bishop, Huckabee	3	..	..
Fellowship	Dallas	J. W. Dunaway	E. W. Bailey	Plantersville	182	9	6	..	..	..	..	3	191	..	..		3	..	1
Friendship	Chilton	E. L. Manning	J. L. Long	Bozeman	26	4	..	..	1	1	..	..	30	3	22	J. L. Long, Bozeman	4	..	..
Harmony	Autauga	W. J. Ruddick	W. C. Adair	Huckabee	43	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	40	..	..		1	..	..
Maple Springs	Chilton	R. H. Long	J. N. Dennis	Coopers	17	13	6	..	..	6	..	..	30	..	..		3	..	..
Mt. Carmel	Chilton	A. M. Perry	W. W. Sansom	Stanton	96	..	4	..	..	5	1	..	94	4	30	M. Roebuck, Stanton	1	..	..
Mt. Zion	Chilton	W. S. Cox	D. H. Mullins	Jumbo	49	11	6	..	..	5	..	..	61	7	40		2	..	1
Mulberry	Chilton	J. G. Lowrey	J. C. Veazey	Lily	142	21	7	..	1	5	3	3	160	5	79	J. L. Williams, Lily	4	1	1
New Prospect	Autauga	J. C. Thomas	B. M. Rollinson	Bozeman	35	5	3	..	..	2	1	..	40	3	30	H. Evans, Bozeman	2	..	1
Plantersville	Dallas	G. M. Parker	C. A. Lawrence	Plantersville	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	..	..		4	..	..
Providence	Chilton	R. M. Honeycutt	R. Robinson	Coopers	139	7	..	..	3	12	..	1	136	..	..		1	..	1
Pilgrim's Rest	Chilton	T. E. Taylor	J. T. Anderson	Stanton	30	..	3	..	..	4	..	..	29	..	..		4	..	..
Pleasant Grove	Chilton	G. W. Freeman	J. P. Marchant	Shoultz	56	7	4	..	..	3	1	1	62	..	..		2	..	1
Randolph	Bibb	F. M. Woods	H. G. Thompson	Randolph	36	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	33	..	..		..	..	..
Sardis	Chilton	J. Hewitt	S. B. McCrary	Maplesville	50	4	1	..	2	..	..	1	56	..	..		2	..	1
Salem	Chilton	W. J. Bone	T. L. Robinson	Verbena	36	8	8	..	..	2	..	..	50	7	58	N. J. Calloway, Verbena	4	..	1
Shady Grove	Dallas	J. M. Smoke	R G Underwood	Burnsville	23	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	21	5	15	B. P. Watson, Selma	3	..	..
Shiloh	Chilton	John Hewitt	J W Billingsley	Kincheon	102	..	3	..	..	6	..	..	99	4	50	A. C. Pool, Kincheon	3	..	..
Valley Creek	Chilton	W. J. Ruddick	R. J. Mitchell	Plantersville	60	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	58	6	35	J. G. Gay, Plantersville	2	..	..
Verbena	Chilton	J. G. Lowrey	W. H. Strock	Verbena	66	..	5	..	..	5	1	..	65	5	34	H. W. Caffey, Verbena	1	..	1
Total	..	..	..	..	2140	159	111	3	14	104	12	24	2287	95	826				

*Not represented.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1895.

CHURCH	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Bible & Colportage	Ministerial Educat'n	Minutes	Associat'l Purposes	Total.	Pastor's Salary	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.	Value of Buildings and Furniture.
Alpine	$	$ 1.00	$	$	$	$ 3.50	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$ 6.50	$ 60.00	$	$ 300
Bethel												200
Bethesda	12.96						1.50	1.50	15.97	100.00		500
Big Springs	11.06			3.00		5.00	2.00		21.06	46.61		800
Bethsalem							75	75	1.50			250
Bozeman	31.38	5.00	44.46	16.81		8.15	1.50		107.30	300.00		1500
Chestnut Creek	1.50						1.50		3.00	100.00		500
Clanton	7.68	5.85	4.25	32.55		7.20	1.50	1.00	60.03	200.00	74.00	1250
Corinth							1.00		1.00			100
Ebenezer	10.00	5.00	4.20	7.31	2.40		1.00	1.00	30.91	150.00		1000
Evergreen	15.49						3.00		18.49			500
Fellowship	13.00		18.00	10.00		7.00	3.00		51.00			500
Friendship												200
Harmony	8.00						2.00		10.00			500
Maple Springs			50				1.25		1.75			300
Mt. Carmel							2.00		2.00	50.00		400
Mt. Zion	5.50						1.00		6.50			350
Mulberry	6.27			17.53		4.19	2.00	50	30.49	150.00		800
New Prospect							1.50	50	2.00			150
Plantersville	7.00	3.00	5.00				2.00		17.00	150.00		400
Providence	3.40			3.72			2.20		9.32			300
Pilgrim's Rest							50	1.50	2.00			300
Pleasant Grove							75	75	1.50			150
Randolph		50	50	3.50			50		5.00			300
Sardis	50					50	1.50		2.50			150
Salem	50	50	50	1.50			1.50		4.50	10.25		150
Shady Grove	3.00						2.00		5.00	50.00		800
Shiloh	2.00	1.50	1.50				3.00		8.00			450
Valley Creek	5.00	2.50	2.50	2.36		5.00	1.50		18.86			450
Verbena	18.77	17.75	20.60	9.00		17.25	2.00		85.37	150.00		2000
Collect'ns at As'ns	14.65				23.40	6.00			44.05			
Total	177.67	42.60	102.01	107.28	25.80	63.79	44.95	8.50	572.60	1516.86	74.00	14550

Time and Place of Meeting and Officers of the Association From its Origin to the Present.

Year.	Place of Meeting.	Preacher of Introductory Sermon.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Treasurer.
1855	Shady Grove...	J. R. Sartor..	B. B. Smith..	J. N. Gradick.	J. Nunn....
1856	Plantersville ..	A. C. Patillo.	B. B. Smith..	J. I. Lamar....	J. Nunn....
1857	Mulberry.....	A. Andrews..	B. B. Smith..	J. I. Lamar....	J. Nunn....
1858	Kingston	D. M. Lloyd..	J. D. Moodie.	J. I. Lamar.	J. Nunn....
1859	Harmony.....	J. H. Ray...	I. U. Wilkes..	J. I. Lamar....	J. Nunn....
1860	Ebenezer.....	J. D. Moodie.	I. U. Wilkes..	J. I. Lamar....	J. Nunn....
1861	Chestnut Creek	W. Wilkes. .	I. U. Wilkes .	J. I. Lamar....	L. B. Parker
1862	Bethesda	A. Andrews..	I. U. Wilkes..	A. L. Haralson.	L. B. Parker
1863	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1864	Randolph,....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1865	Plantersville...	A. Andrews..	A. Andrews.	W. R. Grandy.	L. B. Parker
1866	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1867	Fellowship	.....	.....	.....	.....
1868	Harmony.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1869	Bethel.....	A. Andrews..	A. Andrews..	W. C. Adair...	L. B. Parker
1870	Mt. Hebron....	W. Lee.....	A. Andrews..	W. C. Adair...	L. B. Parker
1871	Mulberry.....	J. Allen.....	A. Andrews.	W. C. Adair..	L. B. Parker
1872	Chestnut Creek	W. Lee.....	A. Andrews.	J. L. Williams.	W. C. Adair
1873	Big Springs...	J. A. Mullins.	A. Andrews..	H.E. Longerier	W. C. Adair
1874	Plantersville ..	G. W. Mills..	A. Andrews..	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells....
1875	Mount Zion....	W. Lee..	William Lee..	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells....
1876	Ebenezer	J. A. Mullins.	William Lee..	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells....
1877	Harmony.....	A. Andrews..	William Lee..	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells....
1878	Chestnut Creek	F. M. Vines..	A. Andrews..	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells....
1879	Fellowship.....	A. L. Blizard.	A. Andrews..	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells....
1880	Bethesda	G. W. Mills...	J. Falkner. .	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells....
1881	Mulberry.....	H.E.Longerier	J. Falkner....	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells....
1882	Shiloh.....	A. Andrews..	J. Falkner....	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells....
1883	Randolph.....	G. W. Mills..	J. Falkner...	H.E. Longerier	K. Wells....
1884	Harmony.....	W.N.Huckabee	J. Falkner....	T. M. Henley..	K. Wells....
1885	Friendship	J. A. Mullins.	A. J. Brooks..	T. M. Henley..	K. Wells....
1886	Clanton.....	Hardy Jones.	A. J. Brooks.	T. M. Henley..	K. Wells ....
1887	Plantersville...	J. Falkner..	A. J. Brooks.	T. M. Henley..	K. Wells....
1888	Verbena.	W. J. Ruddick	A. J. Brooks.	W. J. Ruddick.	K. Wells....
1889	Ebenezer.....	G. W. Mills ..	A. J. Brooks..	W. J. Ruddick.	K. Wells....
1890	Big Springs...	J. W. Mitchell	A. J. Brooks.	W. J. Ruddick.	K. Wells....
1891	Mount Carmel.	J. M. McCord	A. J. Brooks.	W. J. Ruddick.	K. Wells....
1892	Chestnut Creek	H. Jones.....	A. J. Brooks..	W. J. Ruddick.	K. Wells....
1893	Evergreen	J.W.Dunaway	J.W.Dunaway	W. J. Ruddick.	K. Wells....
1894	Mount Zion....	W. J. Ruddick	J. G. Lowrey.	W. J. Ruddick.	W. I. Mullins
1895	Fellowship....	J. G. Lowrey.	J. G. Lowrey.	W. J. Ruddick.	W. I. Mullins